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City of Riverside's Web Portal Recognized for Excellence by Industry Group

"Best of the Web Award" Puts Riverside in Good Company with Other Innovative Cities

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside's Internet portal has received a "Best of the Web Award" from the Center for Digital Government, a national group that recognizes best practices in Web functionality and e-government services.

The 2nd place award placed Riverside ahead of cities like Raleigh, N.C. (third), Tampa, Fla. (fourth) and Denver, Colo. (fifth). Other finalists included Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Santa Monica, Washington, D.C. and Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, Va. First place went to Austin, Texas.

"This award really demonstrates the high level of expertise and commitment within our Web team," said Lea Deesing, Chief Innovation Officer for the City of Riverside. "To go up against some of the other cities that also reached the finals and come out with a 2nd-place finish is a real compliment."

Deesing said the award is a testament to the work performed by the City's Web team – Chris Tilden, John Botta and Nghi Quach. The City has won the award eight years in a row and has finished in the top five in six of those eight years.

"Obviously, there has been a high standard for performance at the City's Web team for many years, as evidenced by what has become an annual award for Riverside," Deesing said. "We're very excited about the way we have been able to set high expectations and meet them each year."

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute that provides information technology policies and best practices for state and local government. The Best of the Web (BOW) and Digital Government Achievement Awards recognize city, county and state governments for outstanding portals and websites based on innovation, functionality, productivity and performance.

“As technology continues to evolve, governments are finding innovative ways of utilizing new technologies to transform operations and engage with citizens,” said Todd Sander, executive director of the Center for Digital Government. “This year’s winners have demonstrated the ability to adapt to the changing technology landscape, while creating first-class public and business services.”